



State Health Services Council Meeting
Texas Department of State Health Services
Tuesday, January 11, 2005
1100 W. 49th Street
Austin, Texas 78756
Moreton Building, Room M-739
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Minutes

Chair's Welcome and Introduction of Guests:

- Dr. Arredondo called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.
- Dr. Sanchez introduced and welcomed the new Advisory Council.
- HHSC Executive Commissioner Albert Hawkins welcomed the Council; provided an update on the HHSC transformation mandated by HB 2292; and briefly explained the role of the DSHS Advisory Council.

Member's Present:

Rudy Arredondo, Ed.D., Council Chair - Lubbock
Lewis E. Foxhall, M.D. - Houston
Jeffrey A. Ross, D.P.M. - Houston

Beverly Barron, B.A. - Odessa
Glenda R. Kane – Corpus Christi
James G. Springfield, F.A.C.H.E. - Harlingen

Members Absent: Jaime Davidson, M.D., F.A.C.P., F.A.C.E. - Dallas

Registered Guests: Albert Hawkins (HHSC); Eldon Tietje (Central Counties for MHMR Services); Danny Boitnett (STAR Council on Substance Abuse); Sandy Skelton (Texas Council of MHMR Centers); Marcia C. Rachofsky (Texas Federation of Families for Children's MH); Regina Martin (LBB); Bethany Wafford (LBB); Cynthia Humphrey (ASAP); Gayle Love (TMA); Susan Maxwell (Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities); Katie Parker (TACHC); Fred Main (BMS); Aaryce Hayes (Advocacy Inc.); Joe Lovelace (NAMI Texas); John Berta (Texas Hospital Association)

Public Comments: None.

Agenda Item #3: Commissioner's Report

a. Reorganization Update – Dr. Sanchez

- Reorganization update included: introduction of key DSHS executive staff, overview of HB 2292, and comments on some of the DSHS challenges.
- Dr. Sanchez asked the Council to devote time to define broad priorities for DSHS, and emphasized the importance of establishing public/private health partnerships with DSHS to assist in promoting public health.

- b. Recent Activities of the Commissioner – Dr. Sanchez
 - Dr. Sanchez spoke of the opportunities for State-Federal partnerships to address:
 - Childhood Obesity
 - Resiliency and Disease Management
 - Mental Illness/Substance Abuse
 - Border Health
- c. Commissioner's Overview of DSHS Activities – Dr. Sanchez
 - Dr. Sanchez commented that the Commissioner's Report will provide the Council members with the breadth and scope of DSHS activities.

Agenda Item #4: Staff Briefings

- a. Legislative Update – Jayne Nussbaum provided overview of three legislative initiatives:
 - **Internal access to patient identifiable data** so programs can link data to understand disease trends in the state and develop interventions.
 - **Substance abuse facilities.** DSHS needs authority to immediately suspend operations of substance abuse treatment facility if there is a threat to clients of that facility.
 - **HB 3588 (78th Leg. Session)**, created an EMS/trauma account funded from fees paid by speeders and DWI; funds go to compensate hospitals for uncompensated trauma care. Statutory changes are needed to simplify the distribution of these funds and reauthorize the account.
- b. Overview of the FY06-07 Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR) – Machel Pharr
 - DSHS requested 15 exceptional items. The request reflects:
 - 5% reduction requested by Governor's Office and LBB.
 - increases/decreases in federal funds that DSHS anticipates between the bienniums.
 - an assumption that the transportation for kidney health program will be moved from DSHS budget to TxDOT budget since program will be moved to TxDOT.
 - assumptions about savings achieved from Medicaid Part D program for kidney health, insufficient savings to cover an estimate 5% in client growth and 11% increase in prescription drug costs.
 - anticipated savings of \$16 million in prescription drugs out of that Medicaid Part D for kidney health.
- c. Overview of Resiliency and Disease Management (RDM) – Michael Maples
 - The RDM initiative is one of the largest initiatives within mental health system. HB 2292 and President's New Freedom Commission provided guidance for its development. Project seeks to answer the following questions:
 - Who do we serve?
 - What services are offered to the population served?
 - How is service utilization managed?
 - How will we assure that people get what they need in a consistent manner, based on the evidence, and leading to the outcomes that we have collectively agreed the public health management system should achieve?
 - Who will pay for these services?
- d. Hospital Closure Report Update – Tom Valentine (HHSC)
 - Update included overview of Rider 55 feasibility study regarding state hospitals and state school closures and consolidations.
 - A final study report will be completed by end of January 2005.

Agenda #5: Council Operations – Dr. Arredondo

- a. Approval of Council By-Laws
 - No vote was conducted.
- b. Discussion of Council Meeting Dates
 - The Council agreed to meet 6 times a year (every eight weeks) and approved the following meeting dates: (all meetings will start at 9:00 a.m.)

March 3, 2005	May 5, 2005	June 30, 2005
August 25, 2005	October 20, 2005	December 15, 2005

 - Discussion of Council Structure
 - Dr. Arredondo requested that a vice-chair be elected at the next council meeting.
 - Discussion of Agenda Development Process
 - It was recommended that the public comments be placed at the beginning of the Council's meeting agenda.
 - Agendas from the previous legacy agencies (TDH, TDMHMR, TCADA, and THCIC) will be used to finalize the Council's meeting agenda format.

Agenda Item #6: Next Meeting Date Thursday, March 3, 2005 @ 9:00 a.m.

Agenda Item #7: Adjournment Dr. Arredondo adjourned the Council meeting at 11:58 a.m.